

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. Res. 492. A resolution designating January 23, 2022, as “Maternal Health Awareness Day”; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LANKFORD (for himself, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. BRAUN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. DAINES, and Mr. WICKER):

S. Res. 493. A resolution recognizing the necessity of school choice as a tool to empower all parents with the freedom to choose the best educational environment for their children and to combat destructive ideologies like Critical Race Theory promoted by many public schools; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 56

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 56, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants for training and support services for families and caregivers of people living with Alzheimer’s disease or a related dementia.

S. 697

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 697, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint commemorative coins in recognition of the Bicentennial of Harriet Tubman’s birth.

S. 1097

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1097, a bill to establish a Federal rotational cyber workforce program for the Federal cyber workforce.

S. 1596

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1596, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the National World War II Memorial in Washington, DC, and for other purposes.

S. 1725

At the request of Mr. ROUNDS, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1725, a bill to grant a Federal charter to the National American Indian Veterans, Incorporated.

S. 2342

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2342, a bill to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration of disputes involving sexual assault and sexual harassment.

S. 2400

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2400, a bill to establish a process for the Board on Geographic Names

to review and revise offensive names of Federal land units, to create an advisory committee to recommend Federal land unit names to be reviewed by the Board, and for other purposes.

S. 2967

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2967, a bill to establish an Assistant Secretary of State for Arctic Affairs.

S. 3335

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 3335, a bill to provide liability protection for the sharing of information regarding suspected fraudulent, abusive, or unlawful robocalls, illegally spoofed calls, and other illegal calls by or with the registered consortium that conducts private-led efforts to trace back the origin of suspected unlawful robocalls, and for the receipt of such information by the registered consortium, and for other purposes.

S. 3375

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3375, a bill to promote travel and tourism in the United States, to improve the health safety and security of international flights entering the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 3472

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3472, a bill to conserve global bear populations by prohibiting the importation, exportation, and interstate trade of bear viscera and items, products, or substances containing, or labeled or advertised as containing, bear viscera, and for other purposes.

S. 3481

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3481, a bill to secure the dignity and safety of incarcerated women.

S. 3494

At the request of Mr. OSSOFF, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3494, a bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require Members of Congress and their spouses and dependents to place certain assets into blind trusts, and for other purposes.

S. 3495

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3495, a bill to create a point of order against spending that will increase inflation unless inflation is not greater than 4.5 percent, and for other purposes.

S. 3500

At the request of Ms. ERNST, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr.

LEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3500, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the reporting of abortion data to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and for other purposes.

S. 3509

At the request of Mr. BRAUN, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3509, a bill to strengthen the authority of the Food and Drug Administration with respect to foreign drug facility inspections.

S. 3514

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3514, a bill to repeal COVID-19 vaccination requirements imposed by the District of Columbia.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 492—DESIGNATING JANUARY 23, 2022, AS “MATERNAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY”

Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 492

Whereas, each year in the United States, approximately 700 individuals die as a result of complications related to pregnancy and childbirth;

Whereas the pregnancy-related mortality ratio, defined as the number of pregnancy-related deaths per 100,000 live births, more than doubled in the United States between 1987 and 2017;

Whereas the United States is one of the only Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development member countries in which the maternal mortality rate has increased over the last several decades;

Whereas, of all pregnancy-related deaths in the United States between 2011 and 2016—

(1) nearly 32 percent occurred during pregnancy;

(2) approximately 35 percent occurred during childbirth or the week after childbirth; and

(3) 33 percent occurred between 1 week and 1 year postpartum;

Whereas more than 60 percent of maternal deaths in the United States are preventable;

Whereas, each year, more than 50,000 individuals in the United States suffer from a “near miss” or severe maternal morbidity, which includes potentially life-threatening complications that arise from labor and childbirth;

Whereas approximately 17 percent of individuals who give birth in a hospital in the United States report experiencing 1 or more types of mistreatment, such as—

(1) loss of autonomy;

(2) being shouted at, scolded, or threatened; or

(3) being ignored or refused or receiving no response to requests for help;

Whereas certain social determinants of health, including bias and racism, have a negative impact on maternal health outcomes;

Whereas significant disparities in maternal health outcomes exist in the United States, including that—

(1) Black individuals are more than 3 times as likely to die from a pregnancy-related cause as are white individuals;

(2) American Indian and Alaska Native individuals are more than twice as likely to die from a pregnancy-related cause as are white individuals;

(3) Black, American Indian, and Alaska Native individuals with at least some college education are more likely to die from a pregnancy-related cause than are individuals of all other racial and ethnic backgrounds with less than a high school diploma;

(4) Black, American Indian, and Alaska Native individuals are about twice as likely to suffer from severe maternal morbidity as are white individuals;

(5) individuals who live in rural areas have a greater likelihood of severe maternal morbidity and mortality, compared to individuals who live in urban areas;

(6) less than ½ of rural counties have a hospital with obstetric services;

(7) counties with more Black and Hispanic residents and lower median incomes are less likely to have access to hospital obstetric services;

(8) more than 50 percent of individuals who live in a rural area must travel more than 30 minutes to access hospital obstetric services, compared to 7 percent of individuals who live in urban areas; and

(9) American Indian and Alaska Native individuals living in rural communities are twice as likely as their white counterparts to report receiving late or no prenatal care;

Whereas pregnant individuals may be at increased risk for severe outcomes associated with COVID-19, as—

(1) pregnant individuals with symptomatic COVID-19 are more likely to be admitted to an intensive care unit, receive invasive ventilation, and receive extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (commonly known as “ECMO”) treatment, compared to nonpregnant individuals with symptomatic COVID-19;

(2) pregnant individuals with symptomatic COVID-19 are at a 70-percent increased risk for death, compared to nonpregnant individuals with symptomatic COVID-19; and

(3) pregnant individuals with COVID-19 are at risk for pre-term delivery and stillbirth;

Whereas 49 States have designated committees to review maternal deaths;

Whereas State and local maternal mortality review committees are positioned to comprehensively assess maternal deaths and identify opportunities for prevention;

Whereas 43 States are participating in the Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health, which promotes consistent and safe maternity care to reduce maternal morbidity and mortality;

Whereas community-based maternal health care models, including midwifery childbirth services, doula support services, community and perinatal health worker services, and group prenatal care, in collaboration with culturally competent physician care, show great promise in improving maternal health outcomes and reducing disparities in maternal health outcomes;

Whereas many organizations have implemented initiatives to educate patients and providers about—

(1) all causes of, contributing factors to, and disparities in maternal mortality;

(2) the prevention of pregnancy-related deaths; and

(3) the importance of listening to and empowering all people to report pregnancy-related medical issues; and

Whereas several States, communities, and organizations recognize January 23 as “Maternal Health Awareness Day” to raise awareness about maternal health and promote maternal safety: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates January 23, 2022, as “Maternal Health Awareness Day”;

(2) supports the goals and ideals of Maternal Health Awareness Day, including—

(A) raising public awareness about maternal mortality, maternal morbidity, and disparities in maternal health outcomes; and

(B) encouraging the Federal Government, States, territories, Tribes, local communities, public health organizations, physicians, health care providers, and others to take action to reduce adverse maternal health outcomes and improve maternal safety;

(3) promotes initiatives—

(A) to address and eliminate disparities in maternal health outcomes; and

(B) to ensure respectful and equitable maternity care practices;

(4) honors those who have passed away as a result of pregnancy-related causes; and

(5) supports and recognizes the need for further investments in efforts to improve maternal health, eliminate disparities in maternal health outcomes, and promote respectful and equitable maternity care practices.

SENATE RESOLUTION 493—RECOGNIZING THE NECESSITY OF SCHOOL CHOICE AS A TOOL TO EMPOWER ALL PARENTS WITH THE FREEDOM TO CHOOSE THE BEST EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT FOR THEIR CHILDREN AND TO COMBAT DESTRUCTIVE IDEOLOGIES LIKE CRITICAL RACE THEORY PROMOTED BY MANY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Mr. LANKFORD (for himself, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. BRAUN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. DAINES, and Mr. WICKER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

Whereas the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States provides every American with equal protection under the law;

Whereas the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States protects Americans against compelled speech;

Whereas the idea that any race, ethnicity, color, or national origin is inherently superior or inferior should not be forced into any required curriculum;

Whereas teaching students that they are guilty or victimized based on the color of their skin is inherently discriminatory and anti-American;

Whereas parents should have the ability to choose a school for their child based on their child's individual needs, academic goals, and personal and religious beliefs;

Whereas the COVID-19 pandemic caused schools across the country to close for a significant amount of time, creating a loss in learning progress and social and emotional skills for many students;

Whereas COVID-19-related school closures and policy changes should ensure that the individualized educational plans for students with special needs and disabilities are met;

Whereas parents are seeking more options for their child's schooling due to learning loss, mask mandates, and COVID-19 vaccine mandates that many States and schools are imposing;

Whereas school choice is more important than ever to ensure that children can attend the school that works best for them and in

light of the threats imposed by Critical Race Theory and overreaching mandates regarding COVID-19;

Whereas it is documented that certain school boards are actively silencing the voices of concerned parents and impeding their ability to have a say in their children's education; and

Whereas Attorney General Merrick Garland has abused his office by directing Federal law enforcement to engage in local issues, thus threatening legitimately concerned parents away from advocating for their children's right to a quality and unbiased education: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes and promotes the importance of parental involvement in their child's education; and

(2) recognizes the necessity of school choice as a tool to empower all parents with the freedom to choose the best educational environment for their children and to reject the destructive ideologies promoted by many public schools, such as Critical Race Theory.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 4908. Mr. SCHUMER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5746, to amend title 51, United States Code, to extend the authority of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to enter into leases of non-excess property of the Administration; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4909. Mr. SCHUMER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4908 submitted by Mr. SCHUMER and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 5746, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4910. Mr. SCHUMER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5746, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4911. Mr. SCHUMER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4910 submitted by Mr. SCHUMER and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 5746, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4912. Mr. SCHUMER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4911 submitted by Mr. SCHUMER and intended to be proposed to the amendment SA 4910 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER to the bill H.R. 5746, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4913. Mr. MCCONNELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5746, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4914. Mr. MCCONNELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4913 submitted by Mr. MCCONNELL and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 5746, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4915. Mr. MCCONNELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5746, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4916. Mr. MCCONNELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4915 submitted by Mr. MCCONNELL and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 5746, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4917. Mr. MCCONNELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4916 submitted by Mr. MCCONNELL and intended to be proposed to the amendment SA 4915 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the bill H.R. 5746, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.